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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2007.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8, 14, 16-20, 27, 34-38 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blair et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,817,417).

In his Amendment of March 19, 2007, applicant argued that independent claims 1, 14 and 32 are not anticipated by Blair because Blair does not disclose creating a pressure within the bore of the second component which is less than ambient pressure so that the resulting pressure differential will move the depending portion of the first component into the bore. In response to this argument, the Examiner asserts that "the claim language does not preclude the